(dependent upon route) required by §11.910-2 for apprentice mate (steersman), towing vessels on ocean and near coastal routes; apprentice mate (steersman), towing vessels on Great Lakes and inland routes; or, steersman, towing vessels on Western Rivers routes.

- (g) If you began your service or training before May 21, 2001, you may receive a license as mate of towing vessels if before November 21, 2003, you complete the examination required by \\$10.903(a)(18)(i) and meet the requirements in either paragraph (f)(1)(i) or (f)(1)(ii) of this section:
- (1) You must have served at least 18 months on deck, including 12 months on towing vessels. This service must have included—
- (i) At least 3 months of training or duty in the wheelhouse of towing vessels, and 3 months of service in each particular geographic area for which you seek endorsement on the license; and
- (ii) At least 6 months on towing vessels while holding a merchant mariner's document endorsed as able seaman unlimited, able seaman limited, or

able seaman special, including 3 months in each particular geographic area for which you seek an endorsement; and either—

- (A) Two months of training or duty in the wheelhouse; or
- (B) One month of training or duty in the wheelhouse combined with completion of a course of training as towboat operator approved by the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, under subpart C of this part.

[USCG-1999-6224, 64 FR 63232, Nov. 19, 1999, as amended at 66 FR 20940, Apr. 26, 2001; 68 FR 35814, June 17, 2003; USCG-2006-26202, 73 FR 52794, Sept. 11, 2008; USCG-2006-24371, 74 FR 11245, Mar. 16, 2009]

§ 11.466 Requirements for endorsements as apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels.

(a) As table 11.466(a) shows, if you would like to obtain an endorsement as apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels listed in column 1, endorsed with a route listed in column 2, then you must complete the service requirements indicated in columns 3 through 6.

TABLE 11.466(a)—REQUIREMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT AS APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN) OF TOWING VESSELS

Endorsement	Route endorsed	Total service 1	TOS ² on T/V	TOS ² on particular route	Pass ex- amination ³
1	2	3	4	5	6
(1) APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN)	OCEANS (0)	18 18 18 18	12 of 18 12 of 18	3 of 18 3 of 18	YES. YES.
(2) APPRENTICE MATE (STEERSMAN) (LIM- ITED).	NOT APPLICABLE	18	12 of 18	3 of 18	YES.

¹ Service is in months.

(b) If you hold a license or endorsement as apprentice mate (steersman) of towing vessels you may obtain a restricted endorsement as limited apprentice mate (steersman). This endorsement will go on your MMC after you pass an examination for a route that is not included in the current endorsements and on which you have no

operating experience. Upon completion of 3 months of experience on that route, you may have the restriction removed.

[USCG-1999-6224, 64 FR 63234, Nov. 19, 1999, as amended at 66 FR 20942, Apr. 26, 2001; 68 FR 35816, June 17, 2003; USCG-2006-24371, 74 FR 11246, Mar. 16, 2009]

²TOS is time of service

³The examination for apprentice mate is specified in subpart I of this part. The examination for apprentice mate (limited) is a limited examination.

⁴For all inland routes, as well as Western Rivers, the endorsement as steersman is equivalent to that as apprentice mate. All qualifications and equivalencies are the same.